

Europe will not tolerate? To do so would be to brand ourselves as craven cowards and merit the contempt of our children. It would be to play false to the martyrs of the labor movement in this country. Our fathers, beginning in the '20s of the last century, formed their first enduring unions. Some went down in ruins, but their sons rebuilt them again and again. Through struggles, disappointments, sacrifices and defeats, they struggled on through the '40s, the '50s and the '60s.

"Then came the civil war, and the unions all but disappeared. With peace a new generation took up the old task and through the nineteenth century repeated this struggle. Now we are in the twentieth century and at the end of a war to 'make the world safe for democracy.' Safe for any country but the United States: safe for the employing masters of industry!

"What a travesty! We were called to the fields of Flanders while these employing upstarts remained at home and accumulated enormous gains. Some of our brothers lie in graves across the Atlantic. Many have returned, and they are now told by the employing upstarts that organization of labor is 'un-American'! Would that our brothers, now fertilizing the fields of France, would witness this spectacle in the country for which they gave their lives! Yet the masters tell us this is open-shop 'Americanism.'

"Shall we submit? Shall we permit this stark impudence, this attempt to capitalize patriotism for dirty material ends, to go without rebuke? Shall we permit the masters of industry to identify Americanism with their bank accounts?

"No, a thousand times, no! Without organization of labor in industry workingmen are helpless to contend with the mighty power of organized capital. The employing class demand and secure organization for themselves and would deny it to us. This is impertinence and greed compounded. The workers will organize for betterment and fraternize for mutual protection. There can be no democracy in the workshop that rests on the autocratic will of the owners. It is industrial slavery.

"The open shop means the supremacy of the employing masters. The union shop means the democracy of labor meeting with the bosses on equal terms and capable of warding off injustice and tyranny. The open shop is bogus patriotism. The union shop means a humanist spirit in industry. The open shop means the spy, the sneak, low wages, long hours, suspicion, treachery and vast profits for the employing masters. The union shop means fraternity better wages, shorter hours, trust in each other and a collective voice in determining conditions of work.

"Take no account of what a mercenary daily press may say. Most of the daily papers will be against us. Rely on yourselves. Your vast numbers give you power. By dividing you they weaken you. The struggle is on, and each of us should be glad to participate in the best cause that has come to us in a generation.

"Away with the open shop, with its fake 'Americanism'! Onward to the union shop, with its fraternity, its democracy, its collective help, its unity of ideals and service to each other!"

Why The Unemployment?

By H. W. Garner.

So long as a wages and profit system exists there must be found a market for the surplus of manufactured products. And when no market can be found, then the wages and profit system ceases to function. It seems that we have about reached that point. At any rate the capitalists of this country are clamoring for foreign markets. For the past three years there has been maintained an economic blockade against Soviet Russia. The capitalist governments were afraid to recognize the Soviet Government and would not allow

trade with them. They thought they could starve them out, but they have failed.

Now it seems that the capitalists of all nations, who have surplus products, are turning at last to the Bolsheviki, not because they are less afraid of communism, but because they must find markets for the commodities the workers have produced and cannot buy back with the wages they receive. There is quite a lot of talk at the present time about extending credit to countries which are unable to pay; the profit takers must